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Annotations

1. Election of officers

In accordance with rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council, each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Committee elects its Chair and four Vice-Chairs. In accordance with rule 19, Bureau members are eligible for re-election. One Vice-Chair is later designated to also serve as Rapporteur.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

In accordance with rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Committee shall, at the beginning of each session, after the election of its officers, adopt the agenda for that session on the basis of the provisional agenda. The provisional agenda for the current session was approved by the Council in its decision 2018/258.

3. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification received from non-governmental organizations

(a) Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee

The Committee will consider applications and requests for reclassification deferred from the sessions of previous years.

Documentation

Applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions of the Committee held during the period 2008–2018 (E/C.2/2019/CRP.1) and requests for reclassification deferred from during the period 2015–2018 (E/C.2/2019/CRP.2).

(b) New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification

The Committee will consider new applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification from non-governmental organizations and will act thereon.

Documentation

New applications received from non-governmental organizations for consultative status with the Economic and Social Council: memorandums by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2019/R.2 and E/C.2/2019/R.2/Add.1–23).

Requests for reclassification: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2019/R.3).

(c) Applications of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status

The Committee considers new applications from non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council that have merged with non-governmental organizations without such consultative status.

Documentation

Requests for a merger: memorandum by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2019/CRP.3)

4. Quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council

(a) Deferred quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

(b) Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council

In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, organizations in consultative status with the Council are required to submit, every fourth year, a report on their activities relating to, or in support of, the United Nations. The Committee will consider deferred quadrennial reports (2001–2016) and quadrennial reports submitted for the 2014–2017 period.

Documentation

Compilation of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council deferred from previous sessions (E/C.2/2019/CRP.4)

Quadrennial reports for the 2014–2017 period: notes by the Secretary-General (E/C.2/2019/2 and E/C.2/2019/2/Add.1–2 , and E/C.2/2019/CRP.7–33)

5. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat

The Secretariat will report orally on the item.

6. Review of the methods of work of the Committee: implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31, including the process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations, and Council decision 1995/304

(a) Process of accreditation of representatives of non-governmental organizations

(b) Consideration of issues on the agenda of the informal working group

At its 2000 session, the Committee established an informal working group, open to all members of the Committee, to review its methods of work, including accreditation issues, procedures, coordination with the secretariat of the Commission on Human Rights, enhancement of the non-governmental organizations information process and security issues.

(c) Other related matters

Organizations requesting a change of name.

Documentation

Compilation of requests for change of name received by the Secretariat (E/C.2/2019/CRP.5)

7. Consideration of special reports

8. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network

In its decision 2002/225, the Council established the general voluntary trust fund and requested the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch to identify and obtain the necessary financial, human and technical resources needed to carry out, in partnership with non-governmental organizations, Governments and other interested stakeholders, the development projects envisaged in the future framework of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network.

The Secretariat will report orally thereon.

9. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2020 session of the Committee

In its resolution 1894 (LVII), the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit at each session of a subsidiary body of the Council a draft provisional agenda for its following session, together with information relating to documentation.

10. Adoption of the report of the Committee

The Committee is required to report to the Council on its regular session.

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Quadrennial reports for the period 2014–2017 submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council through the Secretary-General pursuant to Council resolution 1996/31*

Note by the Secretary-General

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1. Action aides aux familles démunies

Special, 2002

Introduction

Action aides aux familles démunies (AAFD) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) dedicated to helping the most disadvantaged groups.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization's main purpose is to contribute to the socioeconomic and professional development of disadvantaged groups in order to promote the empowerment of women and girls in the agrifood sector.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization is affiliated with the Conseil national de la société civile, Mali.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year, AAFD participates in all meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development and the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

In the context of the Sustainable Development Goals, AAFD has trained women in the transformation of local production, held campaigns to vaccinate children against tuberculosis, malaria and other childhood illnesses, raised women's awareness about family planning and raised awareness in young people and girls about combating HIV/AIDS.

2. Actions communautaires pour le développement intégral

Special, 2014

Introduction

Actions communautaires pour le développement intégral is a national development NGO that promotes the sustainable development of local and indigenous communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims and purposes of the association are to promote and implement sustainable development in the lives of Congolese communities, raise public awareness to combat poverty and the negative effects of climate change, combat desertification, provide natural prenatal education and promote human rights for peace. This work is done through training and conferences.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization conducts workshops and training sessions on various topics as side events at United Nations forums to better understand the issues addressed, including women's empowerment, climate change, human rights, development financing and the Sustainable Development Goals. It has carried out several activities in the past four years, including:

- Organizing a seminar to raise awareness among Congolese women and encourage them to contribute to the development of their country (2014).
- Underscoring the importance of diplomacy to achieve peace and reconciliation among young people.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The association participated in the 59th, 60th and 61st sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York and plans to participate in the 62nd session. It is also a regular participant in meetings related to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Nevertheless, like all African organizations, it is struggling to fund the participation of its representatives in United Nations bodies and the cost of visas for some of those registered for various forums. The organization is convinced that its situation will improve in future.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization held a conference on gender and sustainable development in March 2015 in conjunction with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women). A participant from the NGO appointed a trainer for the occasion. We are also in frequent communication with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). We have had a number of discussions with the United Nations Office at Geneva on questions related to participation in various human rights bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

The organization's activities have focused mainly on supporting the development programme through awareness-raising, mobilization and promotion. Two initiatives were carried out: (i) training on natural prenatal education with the health personnel (midwives) of the Congolese national police, with a view to achieving Sustainable Development Goal 3 (ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages); and (ii) the supervision of girls and women to empower them to contribute to the economic development of their country in accordance with Sustainable Development Goal 5 (achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls).

3. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Special, 1998

Introduction

Founded in 1992, Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme (AEDH) is a French NGO that promotes the growth and development of local organizations working to defend and promote human rights in the global South. It supports organizations that participate in democratic development and work to ensure respect for fundamental rights, particularly those of the most vulnerable groups. AEDH supports its local partners through financial assistance for the implementation of concrete projects and through advocacy and the provision of information and technical support in the legal and project management domains. AEDH coordinates multi-year and multi-stakeholder projects to promote and defend human rights in cooperation with local partners who implement the initiatives in the field.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mandate of AEDH is to promote the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other founding documents. AEDH promotes the growth and development of local associations or advocacy groups that defend and promote civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and participate in democratic development.

Significant changes in the organization

In June 2017, John Edmundson was succeeded as President by Tim Hughes. The organization's General Assembly decided, at an extraordinary meeting on 8 June 2017, to increase the number of members of the Board from 12 to 19.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AEDH serves as a relay between the United Nations and local associations, which tend to be small and are sometimes isolated, working in difficult environments. However, for several years AEDH has noted a certain lack of enthusiasm, among at least the smaller local associations in the field, for involvement in the work of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of AEDH participated in meetings of the Commission on the Status of Women by delivering statements on item 6 of the agenda of the 26th session (10–27 June 2014), item 3 of the agenda of the 27th session (8–26 September 2014), item 4 of the agenda of the 34th session (27 February–24 March 2017) and item 4 of the agenda of the 35th session (6–23 June 2017).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

AEDH has focused its contribution to United Nations initiatives on participating in the work of the Human Rights Council. It has also cooperated with United Nations human rights offices in countries where it conducts campaigns to defend and promote human rights, especially in countries in Central Africa, and more specifically in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In terms of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), AEDH paid particular attention to the achievement of Goal 3 (Promote gender equality and empower women). In the context of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, the organization attaches particular importance to the achievement of Goal 5 (Gender equality) through the development of projects that take gender into consideration in the promotion of human rights; Goal 10 (Reduced inequalities), especially through the provision of support to projects that help indigenous minorities exercise their rights; and Goal 16 (Peace, justice and strong institutions), through the subsidizing of initiatives to combat impunity.

4. Architectes de l'urgence

Special, 2006

Introduction

Since 2001, Architectes de l'urgence has been working around the world to assist populations struggling in the aftermath of natural disasters, technological catastrophes or conflicts. It organizes initiatives in the field involving architects and engineers, and has been involved in assistance and reconstruction projects in 33 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To use the expertise of architects to help suffering populations by providing appropriate support at each stage of a crisis: during damage evaluations (ensuring buildings are safe) and the initial emergency stage. To help rebuild decent, sustainable housing and critical infrastructure (schools, hospitals and roads) for a return to normalcy. To help restart economic life by prioritizing the use of local materials within a sustainable development paradigm. To preserve and promote the world's architectural, historical and cultural heritage and respect the environment by combating the widespread use of wood. To support and develop humanitarian commitment among architects in France and elsewhere and, in so doing, to contribute to the furtherance of architecture and encourage the training of local actors, from masons to architects.

Significant changes in the organization

In August 2007, the organization was recognized as a public-interest foundation in France.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During its missions between 2014 and 2017, Architectes de l'urgence focused on economic and social integration for the revitalization of local economies, many of which had been suffering. This entailed the use of local materials, knowledge and workers and the contracting of small and medium-sized local enterprises. The organization promotes local employment and work for all under decent conditions for a decent standard of living. Depending on specific needs, the organization provides training for local people and authorities in earthquake-resistant or hurricane-resistant construction techniques. Once missions have ended, the tools and technologies used are transferred to local populations. Nearly 30 schools, kindergartens and reception centres have been built. The organization leads and supports projects in the health-care sector by providing technical assistance to other NGOs to build or renovate

hospital infrastructure, for example in Haiti. It emphasizes social equity among the various beneficiary populations. Revitalizing local economies is also a way to combat poverty and stem the exodus from rural areas. By offering jobs and housing, the organization aims to reduce global poverty. The projects carried out were designed with sustainable development in mind: local materials were used, including certified wood to limit deforestation; available energy sources were optimized; and buildings were built to resist natural disasters.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Architectes de l'urgence led a project to analyse the situation in Pakistan with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research Operational Satellite Applications Programme (UNOSAT). The organization has cooperated with the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) in Haiti on large-scale urban planning projects (for example, waste management).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the four-year reference period, the organization contributed to the achievement of the MDGs through the following activities:

- From 2015 in Nepal: rebuilding eight schools in various districts affected by the 2015 earthquake; training in construction best practices and model homes.
- In 2015 in France: rehabilitating and securing a location that had previously been used by squatters in Montreuil to serve as temporary lodgings for migrants.
- From 2015 to 2016 in the Philippines: following super typhoon Yolanda, rebuilding 4 schools and training over 250 workers to obtain diplomas from that country's Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.
- In Madagascar: evaluating the implementation of the country's relocation programme.
- In 2015 in Turkey: evaluating damage sustained by various types of infrastructure because of heavy weapons fire.
- In Italy: evaluation of damage in the city of Amatrice after the earthquake in 2016; and from 2017 in the Caribbean, initial assistance mission in Saint Martin and Dominica, distributing tarpaulins and solar lamps.
- After the 2017 earthquake in Mexico, evaluation of buildings.

5. Association apprentissage sans frontières

Special, 2010

Introduction

Established in 2005, Apprentissage sans frontiers (ASF) has been a non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Council since 2010. Active in promoting human rights, the organization attaches particular importance to the right to education and lifelong learning in keeping with the Sustainable Development Goals.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main aim of ASF is to universalize and promote the right to apprenticeships at the international level, as a means of combating the youth unemployment crisis. Our projects are based on an integrated approach to development cooperation, addressing local and global issues in an intercultural and intergenerational way. The organization achieves its aims by focusing on four main components: human rights, training, the environment and access to the world of work through mentoring.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ASF contributes to the work of the United Nations by participating in sessions of the Human Rights Council and by organizing side events.

A side event on dual apprenticeship, the related opportunities and challenges and the right to education was held in the context of the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council. As a result, in April 2016 a cross-regional declaration for the acknowledgement of apprenticeship as part of the right to education was issued, a precursor to the resolution on the right to education adopted in 2017. At the thirty-fifth session, ASF organized a side event on an integrated approach to vocational training and apprenticeship for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, which was held on 6 June 2017.

During the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, ASF contributed the following paragraph to resolution 8/4: "Calls upon States to promote technical vocational education and training, as well as apprenticeship, by implementing appropriate policies and programmes, as a means of ensuring the realization of the right to education".

ASF participated in the thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council through an event on human rights training for media professionals and journalists and related challenges faced by developing countries, held on 15 September 2017.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Each year, representatives of ASF attended the three annual sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, held in March, June and September.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

ASF participates in various international events that take place in Geneva and Europe. It participated as a panellist in the 5th World Forum for Lifelong Learning, held in Madrid on 24 May 2017 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the World Committee for Lifelong Learning, with the theme of "Lifelong Education and Learning for Sustainable Development: an Integrated Approach", to discuss the advantages of the Swiss dual vocational training programme in international cooperation.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the context of Sustainable Development Goal 4, "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all", ASF contributed to having the following paragraph included in Human Rights Council resolution 8/4: "Calls upon States to promote technical vocational education and

training, as well as apprenticeship, by implementing appropriate policies and programmes, as a means of ensuring the realization of the right to education".

6. Association congolaise pour le développement agricole

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association congolaise pour le développement agricole is active in agriculture, the environment, water, biodiversity and education, through various initiatives geared towards improving living conditions and combating poverty.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association congolaise pour le développement agricole works to effectively improve the living conditions of indigenous, disadvantaged and vulnerable local populations through community development activities linked to the Sustainable Development Goals.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole participated in a variety of United Nations activities in the Republic of the Congo and internationally, such as meetings held by UN-Women, conferences on climate change, processes related to reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and the role of conservation, sustainable management of forests and enhancement of forest carbon stocks in developing countries (REDD-plus), the sustainable management of oceans and seas, and sustainable and innovative agriculture in relation to REDD-plus.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

After becoming an NGO in consultative status with the Council, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole made a commitment to the vision of the United Nations to promote the MDGs and Sustainable Development Goals in its activities in the Republic of the Congo. It has worked to promote agricultural activities and rural entrepreneurship for women, girls, youth and indigenous peoples to help them develop their skills and support themselves. The organization has combated poverty, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases. It has promoted human rights, democracy and good governance, promoted a culture of peace and non-violence in departments affected by the armed conflicts caused by dictatorial regimes, participated in free, transparent and peaceful elections and addressed racism and racial discrimination.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In May 2014, the Association congolaise pour le développement agricole organized awareness-raising and capacity-building activities on combating climate

change for youth, women and girls in rural areas. The organization heightened public awareness regarding United Nations conferences in the Republic of the Congo, enabling many civil society stakeholders to learn about the United Nations and the commitments it has made for the well-being of the international community. Association congolaise pour le développement agricole trained local communities, women and indigenous people on these topics by distributing documents about the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It distributed many other United Nations newsletters to encourage communities to help realize the vision of the United Nations. In 2014, Association congolaise pour le développement agricole used its own funds to raise awareness, in all departments of the Republic of the Congo, regarding the process of replacing the MDGs with the Sustainable Development Goals.

7. Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association démocratique des femmes du Maroc is a national, feminist and independent NGO. It was established in 1985 to make proposals regarding and advocate for the reform of laws and public policies, and to change attitudes with a view to achieving gender equality and empowering Moroccan women. The Association has played a central part in movements that have brought significant gains for Moroccan women (inter alia the reform of the Family and Nationality Codes, social debate on equality in inheritance and the recognition of Soulaliyate women as holders of rights to collective lands).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aims of the Association are to defend and promote the universally recognized rights and strategic interests of women and to promote gender equality for an egalitarian society. These aims are achieved through:

- Advocacy for a reform of discriminatory laws
- Capacity-building and networking
- Awareness-raising and communication
- Reporting

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association coordinated a national coalition of NGOs to draft:

- The report of Moroccan feminist NGOs for the review of Morocco under the third cycle of the universal periodic review, September 2017.
- The report of Moroccan NGOs submitted in parallel to the fourth periodic report of Morocco on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, July 2015.
- The report of Moroccan NGOs on the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action from 1995 to 2015, February 2015.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

- The third cycle of the universal periodic review: presentation of the declaration of feminist Moroccan NGOs (pre-session, April 2017) and participation in the presentation of the report of Morocco, thirty-sixth session of the Human Rights Council (September 2017).
- Consideration of the fourth periodic report of Morocco at the fifty-sixth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: presentation of the declaration of Moroccan NGOs to the Committee (September 2015) and participation in the consideration of the Morocco-Geneva draft (30 September 2015 and 1 October 2015).
- Submission of a written statement on the Sustainable Development Goals, adopted by the Council at its 2015 session (21 July 2014 to 22 July 2015).
- Participation in the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (New York, 2015), during which the organization contributed to sessions on women's rights in Morocco 20 years after Beijing; the place of women victims of gender-based violence in Morocco; the Printemps de la dignité (Spring of Dignity) coalition; protecting women's rights in the Arab region under the post-2015 agenda; the Égalité sans réserve (Equality without Reservation) coalition; and rethinking human rights, presented by Women's Learning Partnership.

The Association participated in the following:

- "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step it Up for Gender Equality!" New York, 8 March 2015.
- Panel on civil society at the forefront of the post-2015 agenda, UN-Women, on 13 March 2015.
- Two round-table discussions on 10 March 2015 on politics and public life to achieve gender equality and on investing in gender equality and women's empowerment.
- As a member of the Arab region NGO Committee on the Status of Women, the Association:
    - Contributed to the Arab Caucus with the NGO Committee on the Status of Women in New York.
    - Participated in two training sessions on 9 and 11 March 2015.
    - Contributed, inter alia, to the parallel events of the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In conjunction with UNESCO, the Association contributed to:

- A memorandum for legislation eliminating gender-based violence (January 2014) and on the marriage of minors (June 2014).
- Amendment to article 16 of the Family Code (January 2015).
- The right to abortion (April 2015).

In conjunction with UN-Women, the Association contributed to:

- Implementation of advocacy efforts within the framework of the third universal periodic review (including the dissemination of recommendations made to Morocco and participation in the session at which the report to the Human Rights Council was adopted).
- Support for the caravan of solidarity with Soulaliyate women for equal access to collective land (October to December 2017).

In conjunction with the United Nations Population Fund, the Association contributed to:

- Advocacy for the prevention of gender-based violence through a project of the Anaruz network (April–December 2017).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association presented a statement on the Sustainable Development Goals at the 2015 session of the Council. In accordance with its mission, all of the Association's activities are related to Goal 5.

8. Association des ONG de l'environnement

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association des ONG de l'environnement is a non-profit organization committed to the preservation of our planet.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The aim of the Association is to report environmental damage and provide solutions that contribute to environmental protection and the promotion of peace. The Association's core mission is to work on global challenges (inter alia, deforestation, climate and energy, oceans, biodiversity, air pollution and environmental democracy) that may have a direct or indirect impact on every inhabitant of the planet. To that end, we use the law as a tool to improve the relationship between human societies and nature. We are working in Africa and beyond, using law, science and politics to create practical solutions to environmental challenges.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization is pursuing the same objectives and themes as the Council. It works for peaceful coexistence among peoples, supports sustainable development, promotes respect for and the protection of the environment and the struggle against deforestation, air pollution and marine pollution in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations. During the reporting period, it conducted projects for inhabitants of riparian forest communities in matters related to the European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Action Plan and REDD-plus; and environmental democracy. The organization is working with the media to promote ethical principles and values related to environmental democracy. It is also trying to encourage young people to participate actively in environmental conservation efforts.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participated in the following meetings:

In 2017:

The thirteenth session of the Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels, Geneva, 26 and 27 October.

In 2016:

The eleventh session of the Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane, Geneva, 24 and 25 October.

A session of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals, Geneva, 22-26 June.

In 2015:

The eleventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests at United Nations Headquarters in New York, from 4 to 15 May.

The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 9 to 20 March.

The fifty-third session of the Commission for Social Development at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 4 to 13 February.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Since 2016, the organization has taken part in a forest governance project promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the European Union Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade Facility.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In support of Goal 7, the organization promotes such projects as those related to forests and community gardens, which contribute to the formation of values for the protection and maintenance of natural resources and the education of children and youth in environmental preservation, thereby establishing a culture that promotes sustainable development. In 2017, it organized a collection of donations that contributed to the planting of more than 700 areas of woodland in the country.

9. Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya

Special, 2014

Introduction

Established in 2005 in Paris, the Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya operates in the social, cultural and spiritual spheres. It facilitates interreligious and intercultural dialogue, and makes Sufic contributions to discussions of the world's major problems, including to foster coherent approaches to peace, international cooperation, development and the environment. It works to promote living together in peace on all continents. The Association leads and coordinates eight national associations based in Europe, Africa and the Americas.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's aims are to work for universal reconciliation of the human family across cultures, religions, philosophies, races and political systems and to advocate for international social and economic affairs to be guided by a spirituality that is open to progress.

The Association's aims are:

- Peacefully to promote the role of Sufism, a humanist and Muslim spirituality.
- To contribute through spiritual and ethical issues to the promotion of coexistence among civilizations and religions.
- To promote the values and principles of gender equality, non-discrimination and the social and cultural advancement of humanity.
- To encourage and form a culture of peace among individuals, communities, peoples and especially young people.
- To promote activities to combat poverty.

The Association's working methods include teaching through awareness-raising circles, and education, training and advocacy by means of colloquiums, training workshops, interreligious dialogues, exhibits, technical cooperation, seminars and publications.

Significant changes in the organization

The Association changed its name from Association internationale Soufie Alawiyya to Association Sufi Alawiya ONG internationale. The reason for the change was to allow the Association to distinguish its activities as an international non-governmental organization from those of national member associations of the same name (e.g. Association internationale Soufi Alawiyya-France).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- In partnership with the Mediterranean Sustainable Development Foundation, the Association organized the Women's Congress for a Culture of Peace, with the theme "Giving voice to women", on 28–31 October 2014 in Oran, Algeria, for 3,600 participants of 20 nationalities. The objective was to give a voice to Muslim women in matters of gender, peace and sustainable development, and the Congress resulted in the adoption of the Declaration of Oran, which recommended the adoption of a United Nations international day of living together in peace.
- The Association produced a documentary film entitled "L'Islam, la voix des femmes. Une culture de la paix" (Islam, voices of women: a culture of peace), shown at the international symposium on "Spiritual Islam and contemporary challenges", attended by 1,000 participants on 28 and 29 September 2015 in Paris.
- The Association organized a march for peace in The Hague with the participation of schools, attended by Mr. Adama Dieng, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, in May 2017.
- The Association organized a workshop on an international day of living together in peace, in conjunction with UNESCO, in Paris on 19 May 2017. The workshop culminated in the Paris Declaration, calling on the General Assembly to declare such a day.

- The Association also contributed to the establishment of an informal network called Synergie 17 ODD, composed of individuals and associations involved in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals as a condition for living together in peace.
- The organization helped to raise awareness among States Members of the United Nations of the importance of the International Day of Living Together in Peace. Indeed, resolution 72/130, adopted at the seventy-second session of the General Assembly, is the direct result of an initiative launched in 2014 by the Association that was supported and promoted by Algeria and France.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives of the Association attended the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Association participated in the first World Humanitarian Summit, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 23 and 24 May 2016. It cooperated with UNESCO to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Alawi Sufi order, in order to develop a spiritual path recognized by UNESCO as a "school of tolerance and interreligious conviviality". The organization also participated in the launch of the Fez Plan of Action on 14 July 2017 in New York.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association was responsible for the organization in Algeria of the Living Together in Peace Festival, against the backdrop of the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women (25 November 2015).

10. Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Association pour la formation et l'insertion sociale de l'adolescent et de la femme works in partnership with other associations on large-scale projects such as building the capacity of networks. The Association's role in specialized platforms in the fields of education, vocational training, small-scale employment and micro-entrepreneurship enables it to participate in a number of symposiums and be supervised by national and international partners to improve efforts on behalf of our target group of young people and women who are facing difficulties in social and economic integration or dropping out of school due to early marriage of girls, the lack of schooling for their children and the lack of medical care.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association is a non-profit organization working for youth and women through education, vocational training for small income-generating occupations, awareness-raising related to current issues such as protection against the major diseases that are prevalent in Africa, including HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis; and extreme poverty. It organizes seminars, workshops and round tables to raise young people's awareness of the harmful effects of drugs, alcohol, crime and

prostitution; and to increase their awareness of environmental degradation as a comprehensive approach to sustainable development. It offers scholarships and awards and encourages the full participation of women in decision-making processes in their social, political and economic environment.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Association participated in the validation of the 2018–2020 strategic plan of UN-Women in Cameroon in 2017. In November 2014, helped prepare the 2015–2019 National Youth Employment Plan under the auspices of the International Labour Organization (ILO).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in the high-level political forum on sustainable development from 12 to 17 July 2017 in New York. On Wednesday, 12 July, it participated in the science, technology and innovation side event, focused on achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, that was jointly organized by UN-Women, UNESCO and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Association was a signatory to the platform for the exchange of information on the environment in Cameroon, overseen by the Investing in Our Planet programme of the Global Environment Facility and by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to improve governance in Cameroon and to strengthen the ability of farmers to combat deforestation. In 2016, the organization launched a workshop in Douala, Cameroon, in conjunction with the Ministry of the Environment, on the protection of nature and sustainable development, with a view to establishing grass-roots organizations.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In the context of Sustainable Development Goals 1, 2, 5, 8 and 9, the Association organized field visits to rural areas to propose the use of cultivation, drying and processing methods for fruit and vegetables for local sale and export. The foods are dried using an innovative system based on solar cookers that protect the environment and create decent jobs for women. They help to empower women by providing them with an income, enabling girls to attend school and ensuring health care. The Association also continued to maintain wells and to donate drinking water stations in conflict areas in Cameroon.

11. Association pour la santé et la prévention des maladies tropicales

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association pour la santé et la prévention des maladies tropicales works to improve the health of disadvantaged populations and for the well-being of people and the planet.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association aims to achieve its objectives through environmental protection; reforestation; water, hygiene and sanitation; the protection of women and children's rights; the promotion of renewable energy; education; access to drinking water for rural communities; health care; access to solar-powered lighting; reforestation for a balanced ecosystem and planet; promotion of organic farming for a healthy and balanced diet; and the promotion of social justice and respect for human rights.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

We comply with the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in combating desertification and mitigating the effects of drought through national action programmes.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has actively implemented the MDGs, including:

- Goal 2, to encourage education, by supporting the schooling of 2,000 village children.
- Goal 7, to promote reforestation.
- Goal 1, by educating and training women to become self-reliant in organic agriculture.
- Goals 4, 5 and 6, to provide medicines to thousands of children and people who do not have access to hospitals, as well as to raise awareness of AIDS in areas where the virus is prevalent.

12. Association solidarité internationale pour l'Afrique

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Association internationale de solidarité pour l'Afrique is an association under Malian law (Act No. 204) that works in the fields of national aid and the development of poor urban and rural communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Association's mission is to promote the active and responsible participation of rural communities in the economic, social and cultural development of all regions of Mali.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In 2015, in preparation for the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and as a member of the Gender and Climate Justice group, the Association signed the petition presented by the High Council for Equality between Women and Men to "support women affected by climate change". It also organized a workshop parallel to the twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties on "Feminism and Climate Justice". In addition, it contributed to various sessions of the Human Rights Council.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Association participated in all sessions of the Human Rights Council from March 2015.

It also participated in the following sessions of the Committee on Social Development:

- Fifty-third session, 4–13 February 2015
- Fifty-fourth session, 3–12 February 2016
- Fifty-fifth session, 1–10 February 2017

The Association participated in the following bodies:

- Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice, fifteenth session
- Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises, thirteenth session, 25–29 January 2016
- Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, eighth session
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, fifty-ninth session

In 2015, the organization participated in a meeting with the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva, Mr. Michael Møller, on the respective roles of the United Nations in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The Association has taken the following initiatives:

1. Primary health care to promote reproductive health and child survival and to combat HIV/AIDS, the cutting of girls' genitals, and diarrhoeal diseases;
2. Contribution to the installation of drinking water stations in villages, where needed, and the promotion of sanitation and public hygiene;
3. The promotion of the well-being of children and young people by combating child labour and trafficking and the promotion of schooling for children in rural areas;

4. Improvements in the living conditions of women through economic and cultural development by promoting rural women's participation in the economy through microenterprise development, civic education, women's literacy and the protection of women's rights;

5. Protection and preservation of the environment and natural resources; promotion of reforestation in rural areas; promotion of sanitation and public hygiene; and the protection and construction of water infrastructure;

6. Support for schooling by building schools and centres for educational development, encouraging the enrolment of girls in schools by, inter alia, establishing school management committees.

13. Cause première

Special, 2010

Introduction

Cause première has made significant progress in recent years in the areas of women's empowerment and combating HIV/AIDS and in maternal and child health, despite a lack of resources. It also expanded its work to Guinea. Guinea and Senegal have now adopted the organization's programme entitled "sustainable citizenship", aimed at raising public awareness of the problems associated with illegal immigration and terrorism.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Cause première aims to raise awareness among young people and women regarding the many challenges they face in improving their lives. The organization also seeks to help the United Nations by all legal means to combat terrorism and to return the dignity of the women of Senegal and Guinea by empowering them and improving their health.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization added counter-terrorism to its activities by raising the awareness of young people. It also worked to prevent deforestation and promote citizen action to preserve the environment in Guinea.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Cause Première participates in the sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization established centres for women's reintegration and empowerment in Ziguinchor, Senegal, and Conakry, Guinea.

14. Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement participates in the economic, social and cultural development of the indigenous and local communities of the district of Messamena, Haut-Nyong Division, East Region, Cameroon.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The Centre has worked in the areas of economic development, education, health, the environment, culture, human rights and the strengthening of partners' capacities.

Significant changes in the organization

To support sustainable development and the promotion, protection and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, in 2014 the organization drafted a national programme of support for indigenous communities in Cameroon, which it submitted to the authorities for inclusion in the budget act. To address the concerns of indigenous and local communities, the Centre supported the installation of hand-pump-operated wells in villages; the implementation of agricultural, fish-farming, beekeeping and sanitation activities; and capacity-building for partners. In order to improve living conditions and assess the human development index, the Indigenous Navigator project works to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals through access to land rights, citizenship and education with the aim of advocating with the authorities for the adoption of political platforms to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

As an observer accredited to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the organization participated in the twelfth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, held in Ankara in October 2015, and the thirteenth session, held in Ordos, China, in September 2017. At those sessions, the Centre made statements seeking the involvement of civil society in the activities of the Convention, in compliance with decision 5/COP.11, adopted at the eleventh session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention.

For the review and update of World Bank environmental and social safeguard policies (Environmental and Social Standard 7, Indigenous Peoples), the organization participated in regional dialogue workshops in Johannesburg, South Africa, on 21 November 2014, and in Yaoundé on 11 January 2016. The organization participated in the World Bank Climate Investment Fund 2014 Partnership Forum in Montego Bay, Jamaica, on 23 and 24 June 2014.

In connection with the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the organization attended the Global Consultation on Farmers' Rights from 27 to 30 September 2016 in Bali, Indonesia.

The Centre participated in a workshop on equal access for indigenous women and men to employment opportunities, held by the International Labour Organization on 25 and 26 November 2015 in Yaoundé.

The organization participated in a workshop on follow-up to recommendations of treaty bodies in relation to the right of indigenous peoples to education, on 2 and 3 December 2015 in Yaoundé.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) workshop held in Yaoundé in February 2015 to validate the findings of the sociodemographic data collection survey among the Baka and Mbororo indigenous peoples in the Adamawa and East Regions.

The organization attended the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held from 13 to 24 March 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In September 2014, the Centre participated in the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples in New York. It implements the system-wide action plan for ensuring a coherent approach to achieving the ends of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Since 2014, the organization has attended activities related to the International Day of the World's Indigenous People (9 August), the sessions of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the ceremonies to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Centre belongs to several networks of indigenous partners.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization works on issues related to education, health and the environment (including climate change and desertification).

15. Centre Europe-tiers monde

General, 1998

Introduction

The Centre Europe-tiers monde was established in 1970 and is not affiliated with any other NGO in consultative status.

Aims and purposes of the organization

A body that conducts research into and issues publications related to North-South relations, the Centre works to identify international, regional and national mechanisms that support or impede economic, social and other development, both in the North and the South; and aims to relay the demands of the peoples of the South who are fighting for their rights and dignity, to improve their living or working conditions.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The Centre regularly plays an active role in conferences, seminars, working groups and symposiums, organized by itself or by civil society organizations and institutions, to promote international law and the Charter of the United Nations. Most of its publications are related to these topics and include the following titles:

- *Le droit international et les puissances occidentales* (International Law and the Western Powers), 2014
- *Citizen Public Debt Audit*, 2015 (in French, Spanish and English)
- *Transnational Corporations' Impunity*, 2015 (in French, Spanish and English)
- *La souveraineté au service des peuples* (Sovereignty in the Service of the Peoples), 2017

The Centre also organizes training in the area of economic, social and cultural rights, as well as on United Nations human rights mechanisms.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Centre participated in many meetings held in Geneva by United Nations human rights bodies. The meetings include the following:

- Twenty-fifth to thirty-sixth sessions of the Human Rights Council
- Eighteenth to twenty-second, twenty-fifth and twenty-seventh sessions of the Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review
- Fourteenth and seventeenth sessions of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee
- Sixteenth, seventeenth and eighteenth sessions of the Working Group on the Right to Development
- Seventh to tenth sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
- Second, third and fourth sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on a draft United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas
- First, second and third sessions of the open-ended intergovernmental working group on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights
- Fifty-eighth and sixtieth sessions of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- 121st session of the Human Rights Committee
- Fifty-fourth session of the Committee against Torture

During the reporting period, the Centre presented more than 60 written or oral statements on, inter alia, the right to health, the right to food, the rights of peasants, activities of transnational corporations harmful to human rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, the right to development and the impact of foreign debt on the enjoyment of human rights. It supported more than 20 delegations of social movements in their interactions with the United Nations and trained 18 interns in United Nations human rights mechanisms.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Centre cooperates regularly with United Nations human rights bodies and responds to a range of requests. For example, representatives of the Centre were invited to participate as experts in the consultations organized by the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order in preparation for his annual report (5 May 2015).

The Centre participated in the third International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Addis Ababa in July 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As part of its work, the Centre issued three publications related to the Sustainable Development Goals:

(1) *The Right to Land*, 2014 (in French, Spanish and English)

(2) *The Great Climate Robbery*, 2015

(3) *La Passion du schiste. Capitalisme, démocratie, environnement en Argentine* (The Passion of the Schist: Capitalism, Democracy and the Environment in Argentina), 2016

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1. Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement (CFRD)

Special, 2014

Introduction

In the context of ECOSOC resolution 1996/31, the Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement (CFRD International), having obtained special consultative status in May 2014, designed and structured its Action Programme in Support of United Nations Objectives for 2014–2017, to be implemented in sub-Saharan Africa and Europe.

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The actions of the Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement are directed toward the implementation of its Action Plan in Support of United Nations Objectives for 2014–2017. The Programme has two main thrusts: (i) governance and peacebuilding, (ii) growth and sustainable development.

- Governance and peacebuilding
- Strengthening of democracy and the rule of law
- Peacebuilding
- Growth and sustainable development
- Strategic development policy and planning
- Initiative to promote inclusive growth and employment
- Sustainable environmental management.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2015: Centre representatives attended:

- The 2015 Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, held at Le Bourget, France, from 30 November to 12 December 2015
- The 115th session of the Human Rights Committee, held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 19 October to 6 November 2015
- The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women held in New York from 9 to 20 March 2015.

2016: Centre representatives attended:

- The high-level political forum on sustainable development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council and held in New York from 11 to 20 July 2016
- The ninth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York from 14 to 16 June 2016

- The fifteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held in New York from 18 to 22 April 2016
- The sixtieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 14 to 24 March 2016;
- The fifty-fourth session of the Commission for Social Development, held in New York from 3 to 12 February 2016.

2017: Centre representatives attended:

- The Intergenerational dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals held in New York from 31 July to 1 August 2017
- The tenth session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, held in New York from 13 to 15 June 2017
- The seventeenth meeting of the Board of the Green Climate Fund, held from 4 to 6 July 2017 in Songdo, Incheon, Republic of Korea
- The United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14, held in New York from 5 to 9 June 2017
- The sixteenth session of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, held in New York from 24 to 28 April 2017
- The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The Centre de formation et de recherche pour le développement was accredited to the Green Climate Fund as an observer on 5 June 2017, in accordance with decision B.BM-2017/05, which may be consulted on the GCF website.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Sustainable Development Goals

In the context of the Millennium Development Goals, the Centre has since 2017 been constructing a 150-bed hospital in the village of Ekomakoko, in the territory of Lomela, Province of Sankuru, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2. Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Club des jeunes aveugles réhabilités du Cameroun is a proven organization, one that has for nearly thirty years been helping persons with disabilities in general and visually impaired persons in particular. Its vision is to make every visually impaired Cameroonian a fully integrated citizen who is active in society. By order No. 0000045/A/MINATD/DAP/SDLP/SONG, dated 19 February 2013, it changed status from an association to a non-governmental organization. It has five field offices across the country, in the central, southern, eastern, north-western and south-western regions.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of the organization is to work toward visually impaired persons' rehabilitation and personal fulfilment. Accordingly, education and training are its primary focus.

Its objectives are: to promote inclusive education; to take blindness prevention actions; to raise awareness of the problems of visually impaired persons in society in general and, in particular, among policymakers and families; to make both groups' experience of service to everyone, in particular through vocational training and education for persons with disabilities; to develop income-generating activities and promote the well-being of visually impaired women and children; and to promote values, sports and excellence for the whole community of visually impaired persons. All of these objectives have four strategic foci:

- Prevention of the disability and its consequences
- Education, vocational training and employment
- Organizational reinforcement
- Advocacy, networking and resource mobilization

The activities undertaken are:

- The promotion of inclusive education: nearly 250 students, including some fifty pupils with special needs, are enrolled each year in the Louis Braille kindergarten and primary school
- Educational support and monitoring for visually impaired pupils and students through a transcription service and a team of volunteer teachers
- Psychosocial assistance and support for children with disabilities
- Training in Braille, orientation and mobility and training in income-generating activities
- Training and coaching of blind women and girls
- Accommodation and support for thirty visually impaired young persons being taught at the home
- Hosting of national and international volunteers
- Advocacy and awareness-raising.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2017 the organization was granted the status of a private service project by the Ministry of Social Affairs. In 2016 it changed its organizational structure and created new positions to better meet the needs of its target population.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization works to promote respect for human rights, and in particular those of persons with disabilities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The Director General attended the forty-ninth meeting of the Commission on Population and Development and the fifteenth meeting of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration, which were held at United Nations headquarters in New York from 11 to 15 April and 18 to 22 April respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization cooperated with the Representation Office in Cameroon of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), in 2016, on the recruitment to its school of a teacher who had come from the Central African Republic as a refugee.

In 2017 it hosted World Bank personnel who provided support for its activities under a project known as "e-give". The organization also takes part in World Bank meetings involving civil society. In 2017 the Director General attended an advisory meeting on inclusive education as a resource person.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2004 the organization opened an inclusive bilingual kindergarten that accepts children regardless of their social status or physical condition, in order to promote education for all. Since 2016 it has been providing support and assistance for another ten primary schools and kindergartens under an inclusive education promotion programme financed by the Christopher Blind Mission, a German non-governmental organization. It also belongs to the Cameroonian anti-hunger network.

3. Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à l'environnement

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Collectif sénégalais des Africaines pour la promotion de l'éducation relative à environnement is a not-for-profit Senegalese national organization whose membership consists primarily of women and youth concerned with environmental education and training for sustainable development.

Aims and purposes of the organization

- To broadly disseminate information on environmental education, mobilizing Africans in general and teachers in particular to promote environmental education
- To involve students as vectors in the adoption and transmission of healthy environmental protection habits by equipping them, and the general public, with the knowledge and skills necessary to identify and solve environmental problems
- To ensure that the gender dimension is taken into account in all development projects and programmes.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization also plays an active role in the Senegalese peaceful elections monitoring platform. Because of its structural role in promoting the gender perspective, it acts as a gender observer under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

From 2014 through 2017 the organization took part in popularizing various initiatives to combat violence against women and girls: the Journée orange campaign against such violence, on the 25th of each month; participation in the various "violence against women days"; and celebrations surrounding the International Day of Peace (21 September), in Dakar in 2016 and in Ziguinchor in 2017.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the 2014–2017 period the organization attended various sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in New York City: the fifty-eighth session, from 10 to 21 March 2014, on the priority theme of "Challenges and achievements in the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals for women and girls"; the fifty-ninth session, or Beijing+20, from 9 to 20 March 2015; the sixtieth session, from 14 to 24 March 2016, on the priority theme of "Women's empowerment and its link to sustainable development"; And the sixty-first session, from 13 to 24 March 2017, on "Women's economic empowerment in the changing world of work". It also regularly took part in the various gatherings of African non-governmental organizations, and in addition attended the sixty-fifth annual DPI/NGO conference in New York City, 27–29 August 2014; in that connection, it organized a parallel event with a French non-governmental organization, involving exchanges on children's inclusion in civil status registries as a factor in sustainable development, as well as another on climate change.

Participation in the 22nd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Marrakech, in 2016, where it conducted a workshop on the green economy and women's place therein.

Participation in the Fifteenth Francophonie Summit on the theme of "women and youth in the Francophonie", in November 2014 in Dakar.

The non-governmental organization attended the fiftieth session of the Commission on Population and Development, in New York City from 3 to 7 April 2017, which dealt with the theme of "Changing population age structures and sustainable development".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), through programmes on gender and women's participation in politics.

The United Nations Office for West Africa and the Sahel, through the working group on "Women, Peace and Security in West Africa and the Sahel".

The Dakar office of UNHCR, through human rights programmes regarding, in particular, the rights of persons with disabilities, the fight against torture, and universal periodic review.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has been active in pursuing the Millennium Development Goals, especially Goals 2, 3 and 7, in terms of outreach, education and advocacy with grassroots organizations.

4. Comité international pour le respect et l'application de la charte africaine des droits de l'homme et des peuples (CIRAC)

Special, 2002

Introduction

Through conferences, symposiums and seminars, the Committee is continuing its mission of education, training and awareness-raising in the area of human rights. It remains committed, as well, to achieving the goals set in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in spite of the challenging social and political situation in Africa.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are unchanged.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

2014 and 2016: The Chair of the Committee made two statements on the occasion of the annual International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade at the Palais des Nations in Geneva.

2014–2017: The Committee took an active role in the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent and the Working Group for the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

2014: The Committee participated actively in the World Forum on Human Rights in Marrakech, Morocco.

2014–2017: Attended the annual meetings of the World Intellectual Property Organization, with which the Committee is in partnership through the Coordination des ONG africaines des droits de l'homme et du développement.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation in United Nations meetings

2014–2017: Attendance at all regular and special sessions of the Human Rights Council, with oral statements in plenary. Organization of parallel events to Human Rights Council sessions, involving independent experts, on African human rights issues of concern to the United Nations.

Participation by the Committee in the annual meetings of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

2015: Participation, in partnership with the non-governmental organization Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs, in the World Climate Change Conference held in Paris from 30 November to 12 December 2015.

2016: Participation in COP22 on climate change in Marrakech, Morocco, in partnership with the non-governmental organization Action internationale pour la paix et le développement dans la région des Grands Lacs.

December 2016: Participation in the International Observation Mission on the parliamentary elections in Morocco together with several international non-governmental organizations.

April 2018: Participation in the international conference organized by UNHCR, the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Netherlands for the benefit of victims of human rights violations in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

2014–2016: the Committee collaborated with the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention to defend the rights of a political prisoner in Africa.

2014–2017: The Committee also worked closely with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), producing detailed reports on the humanitarian disaster facing member States in the Great Lakes region.

2016: Application to the regional office of UNHCR in Bujumbura, Burundi, on behalf of a Congolese family whose father, the president of the appeals court in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo, had been murdered.

2014–2017: The International Telecommunications Union and the United Nations Office at Geneva supplied the Committee with more than 100 computers for students and teachers living in less favoured areas of Côte d'Ivoire, Angola and Togo.

2017: The Committee sent the High Commissioner for Refugees a memorandum on the illegal expulsion of sub-Saharan refugees in Algeria.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives taken by the organization to help achieve the Millennium Development Goals

2014–2017: Shipment of medical and information technology equipment to the Gambia and Togo to benefit vocational training schools.

2014–2017: Active partnership with a human rights training school based in Kinshasa and Kananga, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2014–2017: The Committee worked closely with the non-governmental organization "Action de Développement Suisse-Afrique" to improve community health centres in Angola, Côte d'Ivoire and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

2017: In Niger, the Committee participated in an international seminar on the African migratory crisis organized by the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, with which CIRAC has had observer status since 1993.

5. Drepavie

Special, 2014

Introduction

The Drepavie association is a non-governmental organization seeking to combat sickle cell anaemia. The geographical areas where it is are active are in France and Africa (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Chad in particular).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of the organization are as follows:

- To raise awareness and inform the general public about sickle cell anaemia (to make it better known by means of scientific events, information and awareness campaigns, and information, education and communication programmes)
- To fight against the isolation of persons suffering from sickle cell anaemia and their families (to help and support patients in daily life, hold information meetings on sickle cell anaemia, and organize cultural and educational outings for sufferers)
- To establish links and partnerships with counterpart associations
- To provide help, support and access to care for sufferers in the countries of the South
- To train health personnel and professionals in the countries of the South

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes since Drepavie obtained consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Over the past four years, Drepavie has contributed to the work of the United Nations by making an oral statement at the March 2015 session of the Human Rights Council — more specifically, during the panel discussion held 12 March 2015 on children's right to health. Drepavie presented two written statements during the thirty-first session of the Human Rights Council on the themes of universal periodic review in Rwanda (agenda item 6) and the United Nations statement declaring sickle cell anaemia a public health priority. Drepavie made a written statement at the thirty-second session of the Human Rights Council on the theme of World Sickle Cell Day. At the thirty-fourth session of the Human Rights Council, Drepavie introduced a written statement on the theme of the protection of the rights of children suffering from sickle cell anaemia and the implementation of the sustainable development agenda by 2030; however, Drepavie was unable to make an oral statement at that session given the large number of speakers (Drepavie was on the waiting list). On Friday, 16 June 2016, Drepavie organized a side event at the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council to mark World Sickle Cell Day. Representatives of the Embassies of France and Côte d'Ivoire were present. The event was moderated by doctors specializing in sickle cell anaemia and by the French national blood service (Établissement français du sang).

Drepavie also participated in the work of the universal periodic review by sending its written contributions to the OHCHR offices in Togo, Niger and Cameroon. Finally, Drepavie contributed to the work of OHCHR by sending a report on the right to health and the implementation and effective realization of the health-related Sustainable Development Goals (October 2017).

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Drepavie attended the thirty-first to thirty-sixth sessions of the Human Rights Council and took part in universal periodic review for Niger, Togo, Cameroon, Rwanda, Ghana and Gabon as well as the 2018 Social Forum on health.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Drepavie cooperated with OHCHR by sending its report on the Sustainable Development Goals and health on 16 October 2017.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Drepavie has helped to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by setting up a health-themed humanitarian project in Cameroon. The goals of the project are as follows:

- Access to primary care to improve quality of life for patients with sickle cell anaemia
- Strengthening and support of peer associations (Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire).

The strategy includes:

- Sickle cell anaemia information and awareness campaigns in Kribi, Cameroon (distribution of brochures, educational CD-ROMs to doctors) with the cooperation of local authorities (district health chief) and local associations
- A screening campaign for the local population
- Advocacy with local health authorities, in concert with peer associations
- Communications in collaboration with local media (TV, radio)
- Access to quality care and periodic monitoring for patients with sickle cell anaemia (medical and biological monitoring of patients and access to basic care).

6. Fondation d'Auteuil

Special, 2014

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes

Significant changes in the organization

2017: creation in Switzerland of the Fondation Apprentis d'Auteuil International

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child:

2016:

- Emphasis put on the participation of children and young people: publication of the white paper "Prendre le parti des Jeunes", awareness-raising for French policymakers respecting the difficulties faced by vulnerable young people and families
- 2,100 contributions collected from youth and families
- 20 proposals submitted to policymakers
- 27,500 copies published
- Interviews with 200 elected officials, including 10 ministers.

Since 2014, development of international cooperation programmes:

- Some thirty projects a year, with sixty organizations in thirty-two countries of Africa, America, Asia and Europe, benefiting 25,000 young people and families
- Structured under four international programmes: "Street children", "Openness to the world", "Entrepreneurship", "Families" (Goals 1, 3, 4, 8 and 10)
- Creation of four "international communities of practice and knowledge", bringing together professionals from forty organizations for the exchange of educational practices
- Establishment of AFFY, a network of seven organizations for children in Europe, Africa and America whose goal is to become agents of change and standard-bearers for innovation.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Participation with our partners in the review of six countries under the universal periodic review; submission of joint alternative reports:

2014

- Twentieth meeting, in November, to review the case of Madagascar, with Istituto Internazionale Maria Ausiliatrice, International Volunteerism Organisation for Women, Education and Development, and Franciscans International; Joint oral statement at the December session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva.

2015

- Twenty-third meeting, in November, to review the case of Lebanon, with Tahaddi and the Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd.

2017

- Twenty-seventh meeting, in May 2017, to review the case of the Philippines, with Caméléon, Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse, and Action Against Violence and Exploitation
- Twenty-eighth meeting, in November, to review the case of Peru, with Qosko Maki.

2018

- Twenty-ninth meeting, in January 2018, to review the case of France, with Secours Catholique Caritas France
- Twenty-ninth meeting, in January 2018, to review the case of Mali, with Samu and Caritas Mali
- Oral statement by the Director of Samu Social Mali at the UPR-Info pre-session in Geneva in December 2017.

Participation in three events of the Human Rights Council in Geneva:

- June 2017: with the Centre Catholique International de Genève, a joint oral statement to the thirty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council on the strengthening of the universal periodic review mechanism
- 28 September 2017: with the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the Consortium for Street Children and the Permanent Mission of Uruguay, official launch of general comment No. 21

– 15 January 2018, Geneva: with the French collective Ensemble contre la Traite, a talk and video testimony by a former unaccompanied minor from the Fondation d'Auteuil.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

June 2015: Collaboration with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on thirty-six recommendations to France in the Committee on the Rights of the Child; joint inquiries on the situation of unaccompanied minors.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Contribution to Sustainable Development Goal No. 4, on improving conditions and quality of education:

– Since 2014, the Fondation d'Auteuil, in conjunction with four European and Moroccan partners, has enrolled 16,000 young people in the international solidarity operation "Solidarity Study Olympics", sponsored by the French Commission of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

– Participation by 1,225 young people in 26 countries in international solidarity study actions.

Activities of Fondation d'Auteuil institutions in support of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals:

– Annual Sustainable Development Goal project awards presentation to schools, with two schools being granted UNESCO accreditation in 2016.

Advocacy with policymakers on awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals

– 2015: During the 5+5 Dialogue of foreign ministers from Southern Europe and North Africa, formulation of proposals with the Anna Lindt Foundation for youth mobility between Europe and North Africa and for multicultural cities (Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 11).

– 2017: The Fondation d'Auteuil joined the Groupe Enfance collective, mounted an exhibit on the rights of the child and, in November, held an international panel discussion in Paris on more effective investment in the rights of the child.

7. Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement

Special, 2006

Introduction

Génération recherche action et formation pour l'environnement is a not-for-profit non-governmental organization founded in 1995, with headquarters in Rolle, Switzerland. Since its inception, and its accreditation to ECOSOC, it has undertaken initiatives to benefit the people of Senegal, Burkina Faso and Côte d'Ivoire.

Aims and purposes of the organization

As a non-governmental organization specializing in microcredit, the association supports projects in various sectors of the informal economy, in rural and urban areas alike. Its goals are to fight poverty and prevent rural depopulation.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2014, there has been no significant improvement in security conditions, either in Burkina Faso or in Côte d'Ivoire; moreover, some local employees have ceased to show any real interest in controlling how the funds are used — something that is of vital importance to us.

The association's efforts are chiefly focused on Senegal: from 2014 to 2017, it funded 367 new microloans totalling CHF 76,000, essentially in the area of small rural businesses, livestock feedlots and crop years.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Please take note of the following points

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

25.02.2015: Annual meeting of the Director General of the United Nations Office at Geneva with non-governmental organizations;

16 June 2015: international symposium of the coalition of non-governmental organizations (transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the Sustainable Development Goals)

25 February 2016: Director General's annual meeting with non-governmental organizations;

30 May.2016: meeting on the theme of "Financing the United Nations Development System" (Dag Hammarskjöld Foundation and Multi-Partner Trust Fund Office)

23 June 2016: fifty-eighth session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

07 October 2016: periodic meeting with the Director General

05 December 2016: International NGO Day (Sustainable Development Challenges)

08 March 2017: International symposium on "Woman at the heart of economic emergence and sustainable development"

05 March 2017: United Nations Democracy Fund

30 May 2017: annual report to OHCHR

11 September 2017: financing of the United Nations development system

03 October 2017: Social forum (ninth session)

10 October 2017: biennial briefing on the challenges and priorities of the United Nations Office at Geneva (Mr. Moeller)

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Cordial verbal and written relations with Ms. Lidiya Grigoreva (Director of the Liaison Office in Geneva); monitoring missions were conducted on a regular basis in Senegal to coordinate the association's actions with support for the objectives of the United Nations Development Programme.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1.1: through microloans, to keep rural people on the land in the Great Lakes region of Senegal by providing them with income generated from available resources (crop years, small local businesses and the like).

Goal 1.3: ninety per cent of support applications are from rural women.

Goal 1.7: to support crop years and feedlots so that people can stay in rural areas.

Goal 1.8: to promote access to the economy for people ineligible for bank loans, so that they can undertake activities that generate income, employment and training.

8. Ingénieurs du monde

Special, 2006

Introduction

Since 2006, our organization has always remained very active within the United Nations system.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Ingénieurs du Monde seeks to enhance the well-being of people in emerging and developing countries by sharing expertise, knowledge and technical skills.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Organization of a thematic workshop at the 2015 World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS Forum).

Report to the Global Major Groups and Stakeholders Forum of the second United Nations Environment Assembly

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

2014

Twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council, 3–28 March

WSIS Forum, 10–13 June

Human Rights Council, 10–27 June

Human Rights Council, 7–25 June

Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 12–16 May (reference: E/CN.16/2014/INF.1 p.14)

Economic and Social Council, July session (written statement E/2014/NGO/22)

Human Rights Council, twenty-seventh session, 8–26 September

2015:

WSIS Forum, 2 March and 24 April

Human Rights Council, from 22 June to 3 July (see document HRC/15/91)

Human Rights Council, from 14 September to 2 October

Human Rights Council, from 29 February to 24 March

WSIS Forum, 5–7 May

Commission on Science and Technology for Development, 9–13 May (see E/CN.16/2016/Inf.1)

2017:

Human Rights Council, from 27 February to 24 March

International Group on the Follow-up to the World Conference on Science, 1–3 March

Ninety-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, 1–25 August

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

2014:

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), 3–5 March

WIPO, 24 March–4 April

WIPO, 12–16 May

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) expert meeting, 19–21 March (see TD/B/C.II/MEM.4/MISC.2)

WIPO Intergovernmental Committee, 7–9 July

UNCTAD expert meeting, 9–10 April (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/27)

UNCTAD Expert meeting, 15–17 April (see TD/B/CI/MEM.4/INF.2 p.6 and TD/B/C.1/MEM.4/6)

International Telecommunication Union, 28–31 May

UNCTAD, 28 April to 2 May (see TD/B/C.II/26)

WIPO, 10–14 November

UNCTAD Board, 5–9 May (see TD/B/CI/Inf.6 & TD/B/CI/35)

2015

UNCTAD expert meeting, 19–20 May (see TD/B/CI/MEM.6/INF.2)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 19–21 March (see TD/B/C/.II/MEM.4/6)

WIPO Development Committee, 10–14 November (see CDIP/1423570)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 19–20 May (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.6/6)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 15–17 April (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/6)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 9–10 April (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/27)

UNCTAD Commission report, 5–9 May (see TD/B/C.I/35)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 1–3 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/6)

UNCTAD Trade Board, 28 April to 2 May (see TD/B/C.II/26)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 1–3 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/6)

UNCTAD Board meeting, 15–17 October (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/71 p.22 and TD/B/C.II/Isar/Inf.7)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 8–10 July (see TD/B/C.I/CLP/34)

UNCTAD expert meeting, 15–17 October (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/71)

WIPO General Assembly: 5–14 October

WIPO, 7–11 December

UNCTAD, 4–6 November (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/INF.8)

UNCTAD, 14–16 October (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.7/12)

UNCTAD, 14–25 September (see TD/B/62/INF.1)

UNCTAD, 4–6 November (see TD/B/C.II/Isar/75)

2016

UNCTAD expert meeting, 14–15 April (see TD/C.I/MEM.6/INF.4)

WIPO, 3–11 October

UNCTAD, 14–15 April (see TD/B/EDE/6/INF.12)

2017

UNCTAD, 4 November (see TD/B/CI/INF.8 p. 4)

UNCTAD, 20 December (see TD/B/C1/40 p. 10)

UNCTAD, 5–7 July (see TD/B/C.I/CLP/Inf.7)

UNCTAD, 18–20 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/Inf.5)

UNCTAD, 17 July (see TD/B/EX(65)/INF.1)

UNCTAD, 4–6 October (see TD/B/EDE/1/INF.1)

UNCTAD, 1–3 November (TD/B/C.II/ISAR/INF.10)

UNCTAD, 5–7 July (see TD/B/C.I/CLP/47)

UNCTAD, 18–20 July (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.4/15)

UNCTAD, 4–6 October (see TD/B/EDE/1/3)

UNCTAD, 12–13 October (see TD/B/C.I/MEM.2/39)

UNCTAD, 1–3 November (see TD/B/C.II/ISAR/83).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Projects conducted on the ground, such as the creation and promotion of a vocational school in Arusha, Tanzania: "Kilimajaro International Institute for Telecoms, Electronics and Computers".

Similar projects were undertaken in Kenya, Burundi, Rwanda and other countries.

9. La Brique

Special, 2014

Introduction

This four-year period has seen a great deal of work and success. Our permanent headquarters, the office of La Brique, remained unchanged throughout the four years, under the leadership of Mr. Aoutenc Akissita Alouatchou. During the 2014–2017 period many changes took place in the life of our organization. The following report will shed light on our various activities during that time. We wish to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the United Nations staff who work constantly for the development of our communities and who have made our missions so successful, even though some difficulties do subsist here and there.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works in the field of human rights, including disadvantaged children, the emancipation of women, education and the social reintegration of young people in difficulties. It contributes to people's socioeconomic and cultural well-being at the grass-roots level, to achieve sustainable, harmonious, participatory and holistic human development. The objectives of the organization are:

* To strive to protect human rights and promote social integration of individuals at every level;
* To strive to curb the proliferation of small arms, drugs and their derivatives, smuggling, terrorism, and mercenary activities, in order to further cultivate the spirit of peace for a world free of war and violence;
* To take care of destitute and deprived children and orphans;
* To fight against STI/HIV/AIDS, Ebola, tuberculosis and other diseases;
* To promote good governance within our States and the rational management of public assets;
* To promote environmental protection through protection of the soil, flora, fauna and forests so as to prevent natural disasters and combat climate change, which hamper the development of agriculture, our communities' main source of income;
* To work toward social integration of street children and at-risk youth through training in income-generating activities, entrepreneurship, animal husbandry and agriculture;
* To combat ill-treatment, prostitution, slavery and violence against children and women;
* To promote the rights of children and women; * To alleviate poverty at the grass-roots level;
* To provide people with access to primary health care at the grass-roots level;
* To provide rural communities with drinking water and sociocultural infrastructure;
* To collect computer hardware and other recyclable goods, to refurbish these and make them available to target populations who need and can make good use of them.

* To ensure that local, legislative and presidential elections are nationally and internationally monitored.

To achieve its objectives, the organization intends, inter alia:

* To attend conferences at the national and international levels;
* To provide awareness and training sessions at the grass-roots level;
* To inform, educate and communicate;
* To organize seminars, workshops, symposiums, forums, conferences, round tables and other meetings;
* To collaborate with governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations, associations and institutions, both national and international;
* To build an orphanage and a youth listening centre
* To establish health huts in the most remote hamlets;
* To establish schools and vocational training centres;
* To establish study halls and computer rooms;
* To drill water wells in rural areas;
* To identify, develop, implement and evaluate projects and programmes for the benefit of local people;
* To undertake community works;
* To take study trips;
* To produce a newsletter or memorandums;
* To write reports and briefs;
* To participate in broadcasts.

Significant changes in the organization

Since the organization received special consultative status, our statutes have been slightly amended to enable us to work worldwide with greater openness and establish representative offices in other countries. These changes were made to Titles II and IV of the statutes; they afford us greater flexibility in our work, as offices have been established in Geneva, New York, and Benin, while preparatory work is under way in other countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

La Brique has contributed to the work of the United Nations in various ways. Thus, our delegates have participated in several human rights conferences in Geneva; a conference in Vienna; and several conferences in New York City. In addition, alongside our sister organizations in Togolese civil society, we conduct peacebuilding activities to enhance social cohesion and alleviate the tensions of the sociopolitical crisis in Togo, and to strengthen democracy and the rule of law.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Immediately following its accreditation to the Economic and Social Council, La Brique acquired nearly international scope despite its limited financial means and the difficulties it faced in obtaining visas for its important missions.

Thus, we were able to take part in some high-level meetings, even if we missed many. The following is a list of those meetings:

United Nations Economic and Social Council Youth Forum, from 30 to 31 January 2018 at United Nations Headquarters in New York

The sixty-second session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 12 to 23 March 2018

The sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 24 March 2017

Intergenerational Dialogues on Sustainable Development Goals, 1 August 2017

The tenth session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP10), from 13 to 15 June 2017 at United Nations Headquarters in New York, as well as the Civil Society Forum on 12 June 2017

World Summit on the Information Society at the United Nations Office at Geneva (International Telecommunication Union), 25–29 May 2015

Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, 10–12 June 2014, United Nations Headquarters, New York.

Seventh session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing, from 12 to 15 December 2016 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Activities of the United Nations General Assembly.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

In terms of cooperation, the organization has developed several partnerships and obtained official certifications from the following organizations:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
- United Nations Global Compact
- Group on Earth Observations
- Global Forum on Agricultural Research

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

- Entrepreneurship training for young people, to reduce the number of unemployed by enabling everyone to equip themselves to create their own income-generating activity. Today, many young people are aware that the State alone cannot find jobs for each individual.
- We developed a youth dialogue to combat climate change, so that everyone is aware of its harmful effects. Building from there, awareness-raising was done with farmers and a number of communities, to enable everyone to take care of their immediate environment, to avoid diseases and natural disasters such as may occur at any time. Participants were also shown how to adapt their crops to the adverse effects of climate change.
- Seeking open government, we took part in conferences here in Lomé, on Big Data, and the IT Forum Togo 2017 on the theme "The Internet of Things will bring new challenges". This is also an opportunity to create new jobs in information technology. An Elephant Walk was organized, together with a number of other activities, to help protect biodiversity.

10. Organisation des hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement

Special, 2010

Introduction

The Organisation des Hommes démunis et enfants orphelins pour le développement (OHDEOD) works to improve and develop the quality of life and environment of indigent men and orphan children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization seeks to provide social structure for men, women and children who have become indigent as a result of war, theft or other hostile acts, and to improve their health status, diet and life expectancy.

To achieve that goal, it works in the field, at the national, regional and international level, alongside orphaned and half-orphaned children.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization makes an active contribution to the United Nations vision for the Millennium Development Goals to be achieved for the development of the world's men, women and children, in terms of:

- Reducing infant mortality;
- Promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women;
- Environmental preservation;
- Eradicating extreme poverty and hunger;
- Combating HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; and
- Promoting primary education for all.

The organization is active in the field, undertaking extensive information gathering related to the Millennium Development Goals. Its findings will very soon be submitted to the United Nations for the purpose of future discussion.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization wishes to go on taking an active role in United Nations meetings, particularly those on the environment (Framework Convention on Climate Change) and human rights (OHCHR), while also remaining available for other meetings relevant to the Millennium Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization wishes to continue and step up its active cooperation with United Nations bodies, such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and OHCHR, while also remaining available to cooperate with other United Nations bodies.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

For some months now the organization has been gathering large amounts of information in the field to respond to the Millennium Development Goals. Up to now our main focus has been on information related to extreme poverty among men, women and orphaned children. We also gather information in the field relating to environmental preservation, with the aim, of course, of putting in place strategies to remediate the problems caused by extreme poverty and facilitate environmental preservation.

11. Presse emblème campagne

Special, 2010

Introduction

The organization, based in Geneva, was founded in June 2004 under Swiss law and is recognized as a non-governmental organization by the authorities of the Canton of Geneva. It is active in the areas of human rights, humanitarian law and conflict resolution. It is a non-governmental organization with a worldwide scope of activity.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goal of Presse emblème campagne is to defend freedom of the press and to enhance the protection of journalists in areas affected by conflict and internal violence. It regularly documents violations of international treaties on human rights and humanitarian law (Geneva Conventions) as regards the work of the media, and intervenes at the diplomatic level with governments and international organizations to have these enforced.

Significant changes in the organization

None.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization has made contributions to a number of United Nations activities since 2014. It has attended all regular sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, contributed to the follow-up to the plan of action developed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on the safety of journalists and the issue of impunity, and to the work of OHCHR on the safety of journalists.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization was an active participant in the twenty-fifth to thirty-sixth regular sessions, inclusive, of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. It presented several oral statements at each session. It also took part in the June 2017 UNESCO meeting in Geneva entitled: "Multi-Stakeholder Consultation on Strengthening the Implementation of the UN Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity".

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Presse emblème campagne cooperated with OHCHR on the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly (A/72/290) on "The safety of journalists

and the issue of impunity". It also cooperated with UNESCO on the follow-up to the Plan of Action on the Safety of Journalists and the Issue of Impunity.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has taken no initiatives specifically related to the Millennium Development Goals, but did support the Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted in 2015 by the United Nations.

12. Réseau international des droits humains (RIDH)

Special, 2014

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes

Significant changes in the organization

None

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Human rights advocacy: The organization has actively engaged in dialogue between the United Nations and Latin American civil society. It has invited non-governmental organizations to country reviews and helped them draft their reports to the various human rights bodies.

Human rights training: The organization has developed a training project for human rights defenders on the mechanisms and bodies concerned with human rights protection.

Panorama: This informational web page, in Spanish, was put up in 2014. It deals with United Nations human rights endeavours with particular reference to Latin America. It publishes 300 articles a year.

Geneva Human Rights Agenda: This is an app for mobile phones, created in 2015, for the use of diplomatic missions and non-governmental organizations. It is a free service providing all information and documents relating to human rights conferences, discussions and meetings taking place in Geneva. The app currently has more than 8,000 users.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended the following regular sessions of the United Nations Human Rights Council: thirty-seventh, from 26 February to 23 March 2018, thirty-sixth, from 11 to 29 September 2017, thirty-fifth, from 6 to 23 June, thirty-fourth, from 27 February to 24 March 2017, thirty-third, from 13 to 30 September 2016, thirty-second, from 13 June to 1 July 2016, thirty-first, from 29 February to 24 March 2016, thirtieth, from 14 September to 2 October 2015, twenty-ninth, from 15 June to 3 July 2015, twenty-eighth, from 2 to 27 March 2015, twenty-seventh, from 8 September to 26 September 2014, and twenty-sixth, from 10 to 27 June 2014. They supported various non-governmental organizations in conducting their advocacy campaigns, submitting their statements and participating in negotiations at parallel meetings and events, and in keeping the information in the Geneva Human Rights Agenda app up to date. Representatives attended the following sessions on United Nations universal periodic review, undertaking advocacy activities with diplomatic

missions: the nineteenth, from 28 April to 9 May 2014; the twentieth, from 27 October to 7 November 2014; the twenty-second, from 4 to 15 May; the twenty-fourth, from 18 to 29 January 2016; the twenty-fifth, from 2 to 13 May 2016; the twenty-sixth, from 1 October to 11 November 2016; the twenty-seventh, from 1 to 12 May 2017; and the twenty-ninth, from 15 to 26 January 2018. Representatives attended the third, fourth, fifth and sixth sessions of the Forum on Business and Human Rights, to promote the application of the guiding principles on business and human rights. Representatives took part in the negotiations and discussions of the third, fourth and fifth sessions of the Open-ended intergovernmental working group on a United Nations declaration on the rights of peasants and other people working in rural areas. Representatives attended the sixtieth session of the Committee against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (April–May 2017), reviewing the case of Argentina, the sixty-second session of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (20 June–15 July 2016), reviewing the case of the Republic of Ecuador, and the 118th session of the Human Rights Committee (17 October–4 November 2016), reviewing the case of Colombia. With the support of the Réseau, eleven organizations presented reports. Also with its support, five organizations presented reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (seventy-sixth pre-sessional working group, 6–10 February 2017) during the review of the report of the Republic of Ecuador.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Parallel events at the Palais des Nations:

7 March: Peace community in Colombia and Communications of Special Procedures;

9 March: Abortion in Latin America;

16 March: universal periodic review of Peru and former President Alberto Fujimori;

8 March 2016: the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala;

14 March 2016: criminalization of girls and adolescent women;

7 March 2018: communications submitted to special procedures.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization's activities are not focused on achievement of the Millennium Development Goals but on support for Latin American non-governmental organizations.

13. Secours populaire français

Special, 2006

Aims and purposes of the organization

There have been no significant changes

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Rolf Traeger, an economist with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and Sarah Cook, director of the UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre, wrote an analysis for Convergence (22/09/2015), the newsletter of Secours populaire français, on why the incidence of poverty in the 48 poorest countries had not fallen.

A feature of the organization's twenty-fourth people's seminar, "Vivre la pauvreté dans son enfance" (25/09/2015), was the contribution of Nathalie Serruques, who heads up Mission Enfance–UNICEF in France.

The organization subscribes to all international days and years decreed by United Nations. It communicates on these subjects through its communications media and enriches the programmes it carries out in that regard.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No activities were specified.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

The organization uses and disseminates United Nations agencies' data and follows their recommendations, with particular emphasis on benefits to women and children. In the context of emergency actions, our teams monitor all information issued on humanitarian crises by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. On 18 May 2017, together with *Le Monde Diplomatique*, the organization moderated a panel discussion on the refugee crisis that was also attended by Ralf Gruenert, representing UNHCR.

The programme on family farming, organic products, short supply chains and environmental protection coordinated by the organization in El Salvador (Comasagua) was granted accreditation by France for the twenty-first session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.

On 8 December 2015, UNESCO House in Paris hosted a reception for "Green Santa Clauses" to kick off celebrations for the seventieth anniversary of Secours populaire français. Events related to the anniversary were held under UNESCO patronage.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Sustainable Development Goal 1: In Greece, in conjunction with the non-governmental organization Solidarity Association of People in Greece, the organization takes action (in the areas of food, health, education and vacations/culture/leisure) to support families who are victims of the economic crisis and refugees.

Sustainable Development Goal 2: In Benin, together with the non-governmental organization Conseil des activités éducatives du Bénin, the organization is carrying out a programme to improve the nutritional and health status of the children of rural families in eight villages. Beneficiaries: 5,000 children/5,800 parents.

Sustainable Development Goal 3: In South Africa, with the non-governmental organization Ekupholeni, the organization is conducting an assistance programme for orphans affected by HIV/AIDS (Johannesburg area). 500 beneficiaries.

Sustainable Development Goal 4: In Nepal, with the non-governmental organization Urban Environment Management Society, the organization has rebuilt

and earthquake-proofed a school for 207 pupils, employing environmentally friendly technologies; the building is accessible to persons with disabilities and fitted out with a potable water supply and sanitation system.

Sustainable Development Goal 5: In East Jerusalem, with the non-governmental organization Palestinian Medical Relief Society, the non-governmental organization has conducted a programme to enhance the resilience of Palestinian youth and mobilize them through solidarity-based citizens' initiatives to promote gender equality.

Sustainable Development Goal 6: In Haiti, in collaboration with the non-governmental organization Canadian Assistance for Humanitarian Development, the organization has conducted a programme to supply 1,000 families in Rivière Froide with drinking water.

Sustainable Development Goal 8: In Lebanon, with the non-governmental organization Development for People and Nature Association, the organization led a humanitarian operation for 185 Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese young people whereby they were paid to perform work aimed at improving the livelihoods of refugee populations.

Sustainable Development Goal 10: In Mauritania, with the non-governmental organization El Karamat, the organization is conducting a project to support the empowerment of the women in Adwabas (Gaat Teydouma commune, Hodh El Gharbi region), beneficiaries.

Sustainable Development Goals 11 and 1: In El Salvador, with the Canasta Campesina organization, the organization is carrying out a programme to enhance the agroecological production capacity of youth and women, as well as the entrepreneurial management of the Canasta Campesina cooperative in Comasagua on solidarity-based social economy principles, 1,660 beneficiaries.

Sustainable Development Goal 13: 2015 national congress: The organization set up a workshop on targeted actions to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Sustainable Development Goal 17: The children's movement Copain du monde, inspired by the principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, creates a space, time and place where children can learn about solidarity together, and can begin to build new solidarities. These children, taking responsibility for their own activities, reach out to the world and learn about other children on all continents where Secours populaire français is active, with the common goal of learning to love rather than hate one another and of learning to cooperate rather than shun one another. They have the opportunity to meet other children at the Villages Copains du monde that have been developed in France and around the world, where children from France and abroad build solidarity. These villages teach solidarity and citizenship, which the children will exemplify once they return home.

14. Solidarité pour le développement communautaire

Special, 2014

Introduction

Solidarité pour le développement communautaire is a humanitarian non-governmental organization that is active in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa, Central and Eastern Kasai).

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are:

- To contribute to respect for human rights and the strengthening of democracy
- To promote peace and peaceful conflict resolution
- To provide farmers with training and support for their agricultural production
- To help eliminate maternal, infant and neonatal mortality
- To provide young people with training and support in creating their own jobs
- To provide assistance to vulnerable persons
- To combat all forms of violence against women and girls
- To provide supervision and care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Significant changes in the organization

In view of the current situation, the General Assembly has amended the organization's statutes. The amended articles, as adopted by the Assembly, are as follows: Article 6: The mission of Solidarité pour le développement communautaire is to raise people's awareness of their own problems, build their capacity to solve them and support them in finding solutions.

Article 7: The goals of the organization are:

- To contribute to respect for human rights and the strengthening of democracy
- To promote peace and peaceful conflict resolution
- To provide farmers with training and support for their agricultural production
- To help eliminate maternal, infant and neonatal mortality
- To provide young people with training and support in creating their own jobs
- To provide assistance to vulnerable persons
- To combat all forms of violence against women and girls
- To provide supervision and care for orphans and vulnerable children.

Article 8: The organization's areas of activity are: civic education, voter education and information; legal, medical and psychosocial assistance; nutrition and food security; sexual and reproductive health; maternal, child and newborn health; peace and peaceful conflict resolution; agriculture and animal husbandry; vocational training; and food and non-food assistance.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Celebration of the International Day of Peace (21 September)
- Celebration of International Human Rights Day (10 December)
- Supervision of the local peace committee under the project for an "alternative electoral conflict management citizens' initiative", as implemented by civil society organizations with the support of Freedom House
- Membership in the awareness campaign "peaceful youth participation in politics" in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, organized by Freedom House

- Membership in the local committee for the protection of human rights defenders in the Funa district of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Awareness campaign on sexual violence and the prevention of HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and other reproductive health problems
- Community prevention and promotion campaign "Bien naître à Kisanji".

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives took part in: the fifty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development; the sixty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women; the tenth session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; the eighth session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing; the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council; Intergenerational dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

Drafting of a parallel report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (free public primary education and the education budget of the Congo) and its implementation of the recommendations of universal periodic review.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 3 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo through the implementation of a community prevention and promotion campaign: Bien naître à Kisanji — Improvement of maternal and child health services and integration of traditional care systems.

15. Traditions pour demain

Special, 2006

Introduction

Since 1986 the organization has been working to promote the cultural recognition of indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities through its support for projects in the field. The recognition and expression of cultural identity is recognized by the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Furthermore, Traditions pour demain is working to raise institutional awareness at the multilateral level (Economic and Social Council, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Intellectual Property Organization, European Commission) and at the national level, in the countries where it is active, with respect to issues of cultural rights, cultural diversity, protection of intangible cultural heritage, intellectual property rights as they relate to traditional knowledge, cultural development and the rights of indigenous peoples. Particular emphasis is placed on these issues in situations of armed conflict.

Aims and purposes of the organization

To contribute, through a pragmatic approach, to support for projects for the cultural expression of indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities. As a not-for-profit,

secular and non-political organization, Traditions pour demain seeks, through a humanistic approach, to raise the awareness of institutions and the general public of the various themes mentioned above.

Significant changes in the organization

Obtained observer status at World Intellectual Property Organization sessions as a non-governmental organization.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

- Contribution to the implementation and recognition at the multilateral level of the 2007 statement on the rights of indigenous peoples and to its dissemination at the national level in many countries
- Support and action for the statutory bodies of the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (2003), the Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions (2005) and the Hague Convention (1954) and its additional protocols
- Participation in an advisory capacity in the work of the Intergovernmental Committee of the World Intellectual Property Organization on intellectual property and genetic resources and on traditional knowledge and folklore
- Monitoring of the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (New York)
- Monitoring of the work of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva)
- Active contribution to the work of the Special Rapporteur on cultural rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

- Advisory and information meetings held for non-governmental organizations in consultative status by the non-governmental organizations section of the United Nations Office at Geneva
- Annual sessions of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva)
- Monitoring of the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, with direct contact and cooperation with its secretariat (New York)
- Multiple meetings and sessions of the bodies of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Intellectual Property Organization mentioned above (at Paris, Geneva and various places in the world)
- Until 2016, one of the nine non-governmental organizations belonging to the NGO-UNESCO Liaison Committee (Paris)
- Founding member until 2017 of the Steering Committee of the Forum of Non-governmental Organizations Accredited under the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Cooperation with United Nations system entities

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

World Intellectual Property Organization

Human Rights Council

Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Geneva)

United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

(a) Implementation of the 2005 Convention on the Protection of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions

(b) Support for hundreds of field projects in some ten countries of Latin America with indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities

(c) Dissemination of the Millennium Development Goals to non-governmental organization collectives providing assistance in various Latin American and European countries

(d) Adoption of rules and operating mechanisms for non-governmental organizations to enable them to implement the Millennium Development Goals internally.